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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed April 8, 2003, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 71, 90, 91, 94, 96, 97, 122 and 125 as given below.

71. (Twice amended) A composite skin product forming a collagen support comprising at least one porous collagen layer covered on at least one side with a collagen membrane prepared by a compression of a collagen sponge at a pressure of at least about 50 bar; 5 said porous collagen layer comprising living fibroblasts and said collagen membrane comprising on the surface thereof living cells selected from the group consisting of: keratinocytes,

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